

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: MAGNETIC HEAD DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5-7 and 9 as follows:

Claim 5, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 4" to --claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 4" to --claim 1--.

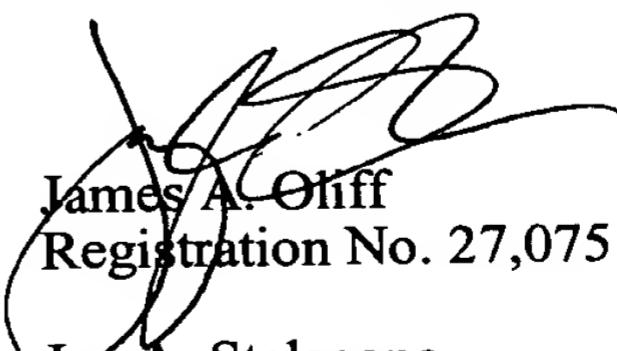
Claim 7, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 6" to --claim 1--.

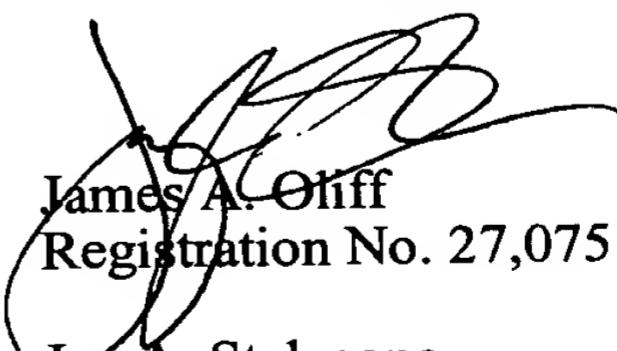
Claim 9, line 1, delete "or 7".

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 5-7 and 9 are amended to eliminate multiple dependency. Prompt and favorable examination is respectfully requested.

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